

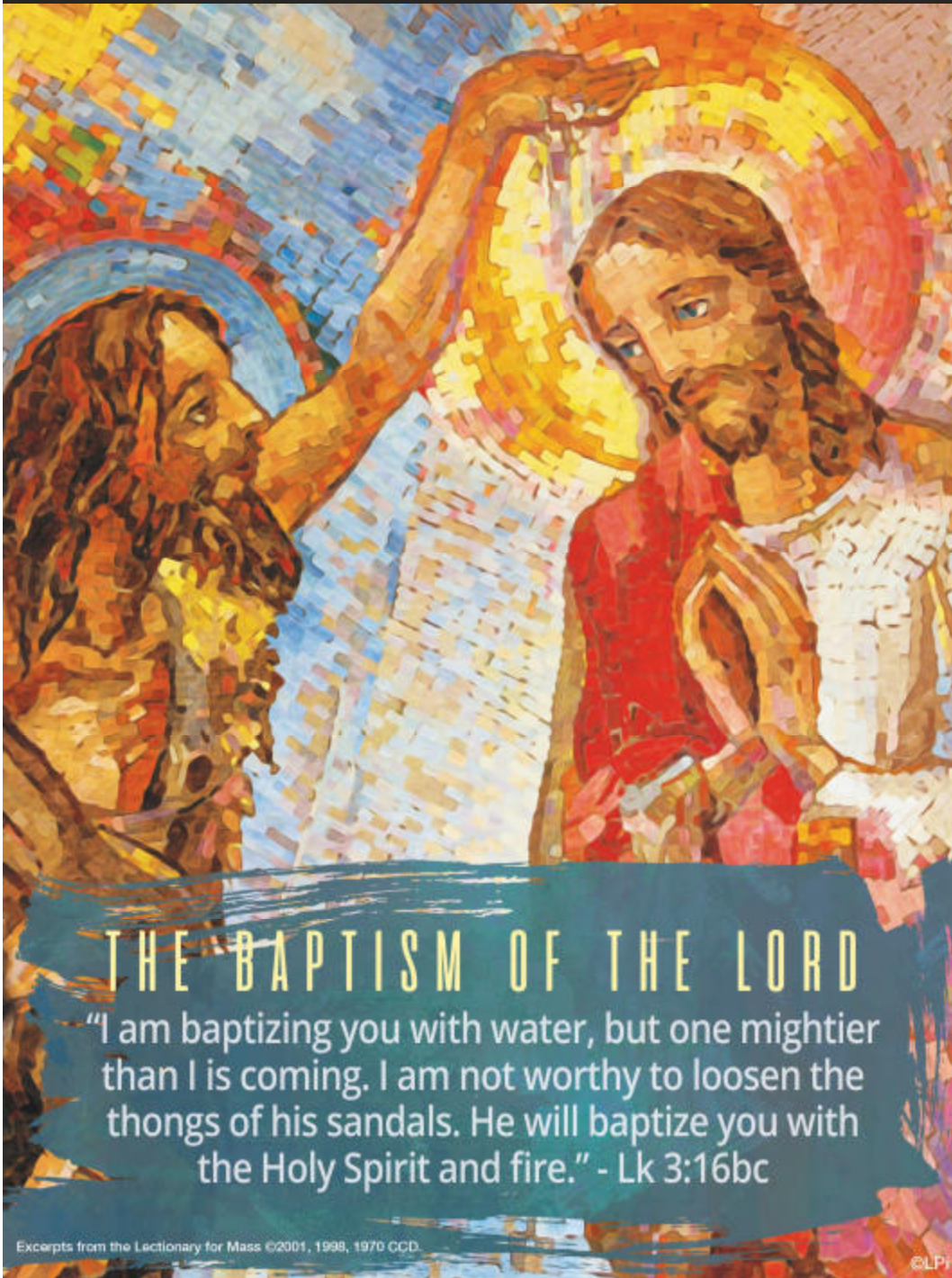
St. Rita Reporter

MISSION STATEMENT of ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

We, the people of St. Rita Catholic Parish, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are dedicated to serving the community in which we live by proclaiming, teaching, and living the Word of the Gospel so that Christ's love, respect, peace, and justice for all will prevail.



JANUARY 8 & 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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Happy New Year 2022!!

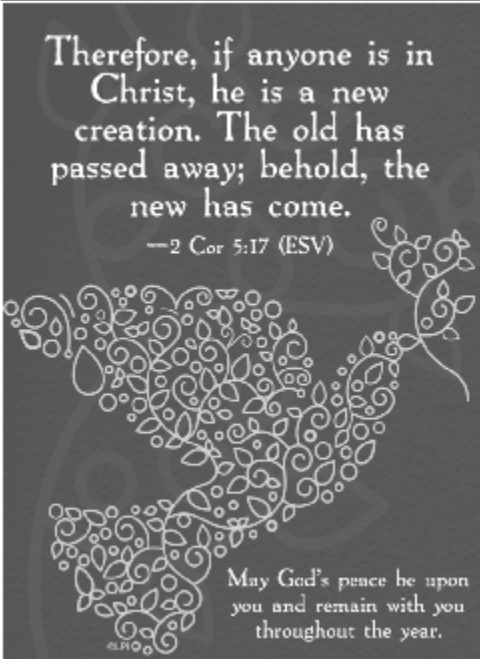
Happy New Year, everyone! May the Blessings of Our Lord be upon us in the New Year! I want to thank everyone for such an incredible Christmas Season! Our Savior is born— and there is cause for Joyful Celebration!

Thanks to all of the Environment Team, our Safety Team who continues to shepherd us all through these challenging times! To the Choir for the most Joyful Christmas Eve and Day! To our Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, cleaners and sanitizers, to the Office Team, and to Father Dan, and absolutely everyone who joined on "this Holy Night" and Christmas!

Peace & Merry Christmas!
Fr. Dave

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Catechism
Classes Resume in the Church Hall
Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00pm



RCIA classes have begun!!



Been away for awhile and wondering how to return to the Church? Searching for a group with the same questions and concerns as yourself? Yearning to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Looking to become involved in the Catholic Community at St. Rita? If you answered **“YES”** to any of the above, Then look no further, jump in and join us. All are Welcome!

For more information, please contact the Rectory at 248-634-4841 or send us an email at: stritchollyfaithform@gmail.com to get started!

Baptism

The baptism of a child inspires hope

Do you have an infant? Has your baby been baptized? You may start the process before the baby is born. If you would like more information on having your child baptized contact Nicole at the Rectory Office 248-634-4841.

Baptismal Bib Question:
At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?



Answer:
When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
January 9, 2022- The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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St. Rita Catholic Church
Registration Form

If you are not already registered and would like to be, please fill out and drop in the collection basket or mail to:
309 E. Maple
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Family Name _____ Date _____
Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Contact Number _____ How long at this address? _____ Previous Parish _____

Head of House hold:
First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Birth date: _____
Religion: _____ Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____
Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Spouse:
First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Birth date: _____
Religion: _____ Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____
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Children & Birthdates

Mass Intention Requests

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office or call 248-634-4841 ext. 0. They will help you with the dates and times which are available. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.



Scott Flake, Nancy Davis, Beth Elliott, Kailee Gallagher, Bob & Louise Kendall, Don Elliott, Chris Brown, Gregg Golden, Terry Showers, Pete

Pierce Jr., Ann Czmer, Cindy Schmidt, Vickie Grabowski, Pete Buccellato, Ron Tucker, Kim Simmons, Don & Rhonda Barron, Larry Slasinski, Loree Ciarkowski, Michael Latrow, Cheryl Molina, Mary Brown, Louie Loestael, Catherine Corcoran, Jesse Hoorelbeke, Melinda Kici O'Brian, Mary Ann Skaja, Patricia Murphy, Mary Garren, Bill Hartwell, Norm Raupp, Pat Houring, Gerrie Hoch, Carolyn Sawicki, Erma Boucher, Rafael Hernandez, Mick Smith, Gail Ward, Dan Rice, Delbert & Debra Herrel, Jerry Deibis, Carl Borgstrom, Mary Crass, Sandy & Earl Sedam, Betty Gajewski, Louise Sargent, Michael Kollenberg, Donald Smith, Renee Charlick, Rita Dusseau, Kylie Ossege, Loraine Phillips & Elsie Reilly. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.



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2021 Contribution Statements

Please fill out the form and drop in the collection basket or call the Rectory at 248-634-4841 to request your 2021 contribution statement. Please allow a minimum of one week for processing.

Name _____
Envelope # _____
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Please include the following in the Mass Intentions:

*Requested by: _____
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*Required

Please **add/remove** the following name to/from the prayer list:

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Requested by & Contact #:

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309 E. Maple St.
Holly, MI 48442
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248-634-4858 (fax)

Email: stritaholly@sbcglobal.net
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www.stritaholly.org

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Business Manager

Fred Metz

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By phone

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The Learning Center

211 Washington St. Holly, MI 48442

248-634-4841

Email: stritahollyre@gmail.com

RCIA

Contact Rectory 248-634-4841

Director of Music:

Kellie Rao 248-634-4841

Masses:

Weekdays: Tuesday & Wednesday at 7:00pm

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must register at the Parish office to attend one class prior to Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact parish office

Holly Nursing Home Ministry

Angie LaValle 248-634-3352



Saturday, January 8

4:00pm James Taylor

Sunday, January 9

9:00am Gary Regentin

11:00am Sandra Hogan

6:00pm Marilyn Egan

Monday, January 10

No Mass

Tuesday, January 11

7:00pm Karen Young

Wednesday, January 12

7:00pm Sandra Young

Thursday, January 13

No Mass

Friday, January 14

NO MASS

Saturday, January 15

4:00pm Kay Phillips

Sunday, January 16

9:00am Gerrie Buccellato

11:00am Scott Dudek

6:00pm Harvey Kramer



Snow Birds.....

We know many of our parishioners like to vacation in warmer climates during the winter and we rejoice with you, but we still count on your faithful commitment to St. Rita in remembering us in your prayers and financial support. So while you are away please keep connected to your home parish:

~~By updating us with your mailing address

~~Information on when you are leaving and returning

~~Please consider online giving with an E-giving account before you go at faithdirect.net. Please contact the Rectory Office or visit our website for more information.

~~Read the Parish Bulletins online

If you or a family member needs prayers...let us know so we can pray for them. Enjoy your time away and we look forward to your return.

Clothes Closet & Food Pantry

Please be aware, that due to our **limited space**, we are only able to accept donations of food and clothing.

If you have **large household items** you wish to donate **please call the rectory office** to see if we may have someone in need of your item.



Clothes Closet & Food Pantry

Even though the physical building is closed, ministry is ongoing. If you are in need of assistance or know someone in need, call the Rectory and leave a message. Voicemails are checked throughout the day and someone will get in touch with you. We are still accepting donations. You may drop them off at the front door of the Rectory. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated during this trying time.

Food Pantry's Needs

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, tuna, canned chicken, canned fruits, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, elbow noodles, instant potatoes and easy mac.

NO frozen foods

Unopened/unexpired items only
When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to:

St. Rita Food Pantry



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

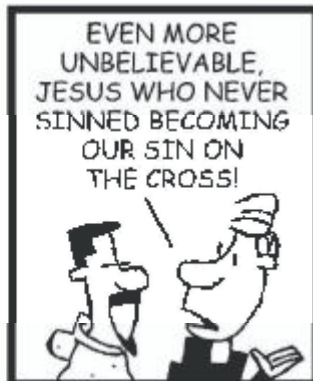
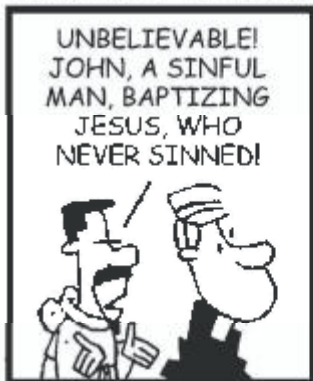


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